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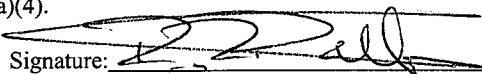
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2007.

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